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NOTE FOR: Mr. Lehman

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1. Doug plans to use the Crisis Management Working Group to assist in selecting CIA players for the FPA exercise. We would welcome your ideas on this. The deadline for names is not until 4 May.

2. REX-79 has been organized hastily and no one is happy with its unstructured and open-ended play. Planners are not keen on including their policy-level superiors because of the all too visible weaknesses in each agency's program. Nevertheless, FPA views the anticipated mishaps as beneficial to the program review. Not surprisingly, some attendees were concerned about exercise expenses and who would pay. Each agency pays on its own freight (TDY, travel, etc.). FPA estimates the total cost will be \$25,000 for the two days. A better cost perspective might be the fact that it costs 20 million dollars per year to maintain FPA. This is the first relocation exercise of consequence in more than 20 years to test FPA's mission.

3. [] is most cooperative and will do his STAT to support exercise communications [] I will STAT contact [] to prepare him for some STAT unexpected guests. In this regard, Doug and I have mixed feelings about even fifteen players. That is a figure imposed by FPA. I personally think a smaller number is satisfactory. I view my own role as being one of the CIA controllers at [] if nothing more than to protect STAT the interests of the [] players. Doug and I think STAT this particular exercise should involve DDA components as much as possible. Perhaps two or so good NFAC analysts could generate some make-believe substance to crank into the exercise message flow.


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